

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the final Office Action dated July 13, 2006. Claims 1 to 25 are pending in the application, with Claims 1, 7, 13, 17 to 20, and 23 being independent. Claims 1 to 13, 17 to 20, and 23 have been amended herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,363,480 (Usami) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,895,477 (Orr). Claims 20 to 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Orr. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

According to a feature of the invention as recited by Claims 1, 7, and 18, the original group includes pages. According to a feature of the invention as recited by Claims 13, 17, 19, 20, and 23, the original data or document data contains chapters, each of which contains pages.

Neither Usami nor Orr is seen to disclose or suggest at least the above-discussed features.

Orr might be interpreted to disclose a chapter. However, as Applicants understand it, such chapter is not capable of storing multiple pages. Further, Usami is not seen to remedy this deficiency of Orr.

According to another feature of the invention as recited by Claims 1, 7, and 18, (i) an attribute to be employed as an attribute of the new group is selected from an attribute of the original group and an attribute prepared in advance, and (ii) an attribute of the new group is set in accordance with the selection. According to another feature of the invention as recited by Claims 20 and 23, (i) an attribute to be employed as an attribute of the new chapter generated by said generation means is selected from an attribute of an

existing chapter and an attribute prepared in advance, and (ii) an attribute of the new chapter is set in accordance with the selection.

Usami and Orr are also not seen to disclose or suggest these features.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from the independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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